



1 SENATE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Senate of the State of Illinois  
3 were saddened to learn of the untimely passing of Virgil P.  
4 Vergara on February 1, 2004; and

5 WHEREAS, Virgil P. Vergara is the eldest, loving son of the  
6 late Cecilio and Julieta Vergara; he was born in Ibaan,  
7 Batangas, Philippines on March 31, 1945, and was raised in  
8 Solano, Nueva Vizcaya, Philippines; and

9 WHEREAS, Mr. Vergara was an intelligent and charismatic  
10 individual who consistently excelled in his academic  
11 performance; he was an award-winning debater and orator and was  
12 well-known for his magnetic personality; and

13 WHEREAS, He attended the University of Santo Thomas in  
14 Manila, Philippines, graduating summa cum laude from the  
15 College of Commerce with a Bachelor of Science in Business  
16 Administration on June 30, 1964, further achieving the  
17 distinction of becoming a Certified Public Accountant on  
18 February 17, 1966; he worked for several years as an auditor  
19 and accountant for numerous companies in the Philippines; and

20 WHEREAS, At the age of 26, he was the first member of his  
21 family to immigrate to the United States from the Philippines  
22 arriving in Chicago to begin his new life in pursuit of greater  
23 opportunities for himself and his family; and

24 WHEREAS, Mr. Vergara met his future wife, Maria "Sunny",  
25 the only daughter of the late Veremundo M. and Lydia T. Magno  
26 in Chicago; the couple was married on March 30, 1974 at St.  
27 Francis Xavier Church (now Resurrection Parish) in Chicago; and

28 WHEREAS, On May 24, 1977, Mr. Vergara took his oath of U.S.  
29 citizenship and became naturalized as a citizen of the United

1 States of America at a ceremony held in the United States  
2 District Court for the Northern District of Illinois; and

3 WHEREAS, Mr. Vergara was a parishioner of Our Lady of the  
4 Wayside Catholic Church and St. James Catholic Church in  
5 Arlington Heights; and

6 WHEREAS, Virgil P. Vergara was a dedicated father and  
7 loving husband, who with his wife, "Sunny", instilled in his  
8 four daughters the value of having a strong commitment to one's  
9 family, the desire to learn, a dedication to seeking higher  
10 education, and a deep pride in embracing their Filipino  
11 heritage and cultural values; and

12 WHEREAS, He enjoyed international travel, learning about  
13 and experiencing new cultures with his wife and was an active  
14 supporter of numerous Filipino-American civic and cultural  
15 organizations in the Chicagoland area, including the Solano,  
16 Nueva Vizcaya Association of Illinois; the Batangas  
17 Association of the Midwest; and the Filipino Civil Rights  
18 Advocates, Chicago Chapter, for which he participated in  
19 numerous community forums, fundraising efforts, and lobbying  
20 activities to help build awareness for the cause of Filipino  
21 World War II veterans who were denied their U.S. veteran  
22 benefits, including contacting members of Congress to seek  
23 their co-sponsorship for federal legislation to fully restore  
24 U.S. veteran benefits to Filipino World War II veterans who  
25 served in the U.S. Armed Forces; and

26 WHEREAS, He had a long and distinguished career as a  
27 successful financial planner and insurance representative,  
28 serving the financial and insurance needs of Chicagoland's  
29 Filipino-American community, attaining distinction in his  
30 profession and receiving numerous awards, including membership  
31 to the President's Club in 1993 for excellence in performance  
32 and for being one of the top producers; and in 1995 and 1997,

1 he was selected to participate in the Royal Blue Business  
2 Convention, which is reserved only for the top producers  
3 nationwide; and

4 WHEREAS, Virgil P. Vergara was a loving and supportive  
5 father who made great sacrifices to help his family succeed;  
6 who during his lifetime was able to witness numerous  
7 graduations and academic awards ceremonies of his four beloved  
8 daughters; and

9 WHEREAS, Virgil P. Vergara's untimely passing was deeply  
10 felt by his family and many friends, most especially by his  
11 beloved wife, "Sunny"; his loving daughters, Vanessa, Vivika,  
12 Melissa, and Rowena; his son-in-law, Joseph Seliga; his mother,  
13 Julieta; his brothers, Ernesto, Edilberto, Manolito, Pedro;  
14 and his sister, Delia; therefore, be it

15 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-THIRD GENERAL  
16 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the death of  
17 Virgil P. Vergara along with all who knew and loved him and  
18 extend our sincere condolences to his family and friends; and  
19 be it further

20 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
21 presented to the family of Virgil P. Vergara as an expression  
22 of our deepest sympathy for their loss.